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SUBJECT: Guidelines on the implementation of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195 (s. 1999) and FAO 195 -1 (s. 2003) re: Rules and Regulations Governing Importation of Fresh/Chilled/Frozen Fish and Fishery/Aquatic Products

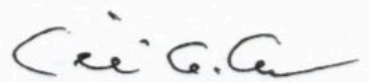
To facilitate the monitoring of imported fish and fishery/aquatic products, the following guidelines are hereby adopted to govern the importation of fresh/chilled/frozen fish and fishery/aquatic products under Fisheries Administrative Order No. 195 (s. 1999):

1. All imported fish and fishery/aquatic products for canning, processing, and those undertaken by institutional buyers under FAO No. 195, shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. They shall be landed at the following ports of entry:
 - i. Air and sea ports of Manila;
 - ii. Air and sea ports of Cebu;
 - iii. Airport of Davao;
 - iv. Davao Fish Port Complex;
 - v. General Santos Fish Port Complex
 - b. They shall be coursed through designated government fish ports of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), except for importation undertaken by institutional buyers with a total volume of five thousand kilograms (5,000 kg) or less; and,
 - c. They shall be stored in PFDA cold storage facilities. In case of unavailability of PFDA cold storage facility, they shall be stored in cold storage facilities registered with the PFDA upon prior written certification of no available PFDA cold storage facility from PFDA.
2. All imported fish and fishery/aquatic products destined for canning, processing, and undertaken by institutional buyers shall be secured and covered by a transport clearance issued by the PFDA after payment of prescribed fees.
3. All imported fish and fishery/aquatic products imported under FAO 195 may be inspected at any time of day or night, wherever they may be, up to the point of final destination as stated in the transport clearance, by authorized personnel of the PFDA, Bureau of Fisheries of Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and/or National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI). As incident thereto, the authorized personnel may access records and premises, and shall have the right to inquire on any fact, condition or matter which may aid in the enforcement of this Order, FAO 195, FAO 195-1 and other pertinent laws, rules, regulations and issuances.


The PFDA, BFAR and NFRDI may formulate internal rules towards the implementation of these guidelines, as needed.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

Done this 4 day of March 2020.


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Secretary

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